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The Short Answer: Low voter turnout

Each week, we ask the mayoral candidates a question. We give them 50 words to answer it. Got a question? Send it to dan.kelley@metro.us

Speak up. Etched into City Hall is Richardson Dilworth's 1947 quote: "Our lack of real capacity for public indignation is due to the length of time we have lived under the domination of one political machine." With that in mind, why is voter turnout so low?

"People believe the game is rigged. Many voters suspect that elected officials are already bought and paid for by special interests — even before Election Day. For this reason, people don't believe they will ever be fairly represented."

Doug Oliver

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Jim Kenney

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State Sen. Tony Williams

"People are tired of having the same career politicians keep making the same promises without things improving. Whether the hot air is coming from City Hall or Harrisburg, the voters have heard it all before and they aren't buying anymore."

Nelson Diaz

"The voters have witnessed a lifetime of self-serving politicians who put the 'business as usual' crowd ahead of their own constituents. I am a tough, proven leader who will be ready to lead on Day 1 and take on the 'business as usual' crowd."

Lynne Abraham

Email scandal dogs Clinton: Poll

Questions over Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while serving as U.S. Secretary of State have diminished voters' views of the former first lady in three swing states, including Pennsylvania, a new Quinnipiac University poll has found.

Clinton's favorability rating fell from 55 points in a February poll to 48 points in March.

Her ratings have fallen so much that one potential GOP nominee, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, tops her 45 to 44 in a hypothetical matchup — though that result still falls within the margin of error.

"A red flag in blue state Pennsylvania," is how assistant poll director Tim Malloy described the results. "Hillary Clinton, seemingly invincible before the email scandal, ends up tied with Rand Paul."

Quinnipiac University pollsters surveyed voters in three so-called swing states whose electorate could influence the outcome of the presidential election. Since 1960, no candidate has won the presidency without winning two out of the three.

In Florida, former Gov. Jeb Bush tops Clinton by a margin of 45 to 42.

Ohio voters favor Clinton over all potential Republican candidates.

In Pennsylvania, Clinton tops all Republican challengers but Paul.

The poll was conducted between March 17-28. More than 1,000 voters were interviewed in each state. DAN KELLEY

HILLARY CLINTON /GETTY IMAGES

Mystery

Body found in river is missing senior

Police have confirmed that the man found dead with multiple gunshot wounds floating near the East Falls Bridge last week was a senior citizen reported missing four months ago.

Vito Maglio Sr., 69, was reported missing in December and was last seen at Macaroni's Restaurant Lounge located at 9315 Old Bustleton Avenue.

Vito Maglio Sr. / PPD

Police were called at 3:57 p.m. on March 27 to the 3900 block of Kelly Drive for reports of a body in the Schuylkill River.

The body was identified as Maglio using medical records.

The case has been referred to homicide detectives, police said. METRO

Citizens Bank Park

Hard booze now for sale at Phillies games

A day after new security measures were announced for future Phillies games — metal detectors at every entrance — the team announced that hard liquor will now be sold in the stadium.

A special bar will now sell wine and cocktails at Citizens Bank Park. The drinks cannot be brought to the stadium's seats.

A new Phillies-specific red wine from Chaddsford Winery will also be sold in the coming season.

Other new offerings at the stadium this season include Wayback Burgers, Turkey Hill ice cream and shakes and Harry the K's sandwiches. METRO

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Armed man caught after taking hostages at firehouse in Cheltenham

Fired volunteer firefighter Paul Jordan, 25, was apprehended on Tuesday after taking four firefighters hostage inside a suburban Philadelphia firehouse, officials said.

Reports of an armed suspect at the LaMott Fire Company in Cheltenham Township, about 13 miles north of Philadelphia, came in to authorities at about 10:40 a.m., said John Corcoran, spokesman for the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety.

About an hour later, a suspect was taken into custody, officials said.

No one was injured in the incident. **REUTERS**

Car crashes into salon, kills one

The scene of a fatal accident Tuesday after a car driven by an elderly woman plowed into a nail salon, killing one customer and injuring a customer and an employee, on the 9800 block of Bustleton Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia. No charges are expected to be filed as police believe the crash was an accident. The driver and her passenger were not injured.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Court. Weed dealer claims he couldn't bolt a safe to a floor

There may have been a reason Robert Kushner became a pot dealer. He wasn't good with tools.

Kushner, 32, testified Tuesday against six former Philadelphia narcotics officers accused of robbing drug dealers. By his own admission, he was one of those dealers.

In October of 2007, Kushner was selling marijuana and quietly amassing a pile of cash in a safe he kept in his City Line Avenue apartment. He testified that he had tens of thousands of dollars in it.

There was only one problem: He says he did a crappy job bolting the safe to the floor.

Prosecutors allege that when the officers searched Kushner's apartment, one of them, Officer Jeffrey Walker, physically removed the safe, walked it down 17 flights of stairs, and cleared out the cash.

Kushner's reputation as an incompetent handyman became a key point of contention as to his credibility as a witness Tuesday.

If the safe was bolted to the floor, defense attorneys wondered, how did police remove it from the apartment? **DAN KELLEY**

Kushner's history

"They give you a set of tools to do it," Kushner said, before explaining that the apartment building's construction thwarted his bolting effort. "There's a layer of concrete. It didn't go through."

- Kushner's involvement with the police officers began when he was pulled over by the cops.
- At the time, he was carrying $30,000 and half a pound of weed.

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Man sold drugs at his mom's day care

Police say a Northumberland County man was selling heroin at his mother's day care center, which goes by the name "Jesus' Lil Helpers."

Ryan Varano, 28, confessed he used the day care to sell and use heroin at night and on weekends, reports say.

Varano was arrested on drug charges along with Christan Kehler, 37, and Frederick Russo, 49, after the men called 911 Saturday night when Kehler overdosed at the day care.

Police said the suspects had bought 10 bundles (140 packets) of heroin for $1,000 in Philly on Friday morning.

"I'm a piece of s—," Varano reportedly told police.

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Toomey's candy drawer gets some love from Maddow

Candy diplomacy. Republican Sen. Toomey is the Senate's keeper of the "Candy Desk."

Sen. Patrick Toomey (above) was spotlighted by MSNBC host Rachel Maddow (right) for his drawer full of treats such as Pennsylvania Candies, made in Hermitage. / PROVIDED, MSNBC

U.S. Sen. Patrick Toomey (R-Pa.) got some love from MSNBC's Rachel Maddow on Monday night.

Maddow did a bit on Toomey's "Candy Desk" — a 50-year-old tradition.

Yes, just like in many offices across the country, in the U.S. Senate, one person is tasked with keeping a drawer stuffed full of candy to share with their colleagues — a tradition started by Sen. George Murphy of California.

That desk, the 24th in the U.S. Senate, has been occupied by Toomey since January when he moved desks as the new Republican Senate majority was installed.

Quoted

"I campaigned for this assignment on the platform of life, liberty, and the pursuit of Peeps."
Toomey

The senator with the candy drawer stocks it with sweets manufactured in their home state, so Toomey's got plenty of choices.

"The Candy Desk duty is Mounds of responsibility," Toomey said in a statement announcing his arrival at the 24th Senate desk. "I campaigned for this assignment on the platform of life, liberty and the pursuit of Peeps and hope Pennsylvania's treats will sweeten the bitter partisan atmosphere."

The drawer includes Hershey's chocolates, Mars chocolates like Three Musketeers (manufactured in Elizabethtown), Just Born's "Peeps" from Bethlehem, and smaller candy makers including Asher's in Kulpsville, Wilbur Chocolate in Lititz, and Josh Early Chocolates in the Lehigh Valley.

In total, there are 200 confectioners employing 10,000 statewide, according to Toomey.

The "Candy Desk" was previously held by former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum for more than 10 years, so it has returned to its "rightful place," Toomey's office said in a release.

"Sen. Toomey hopes his colleagues enjoy the candy and maybe the sweets will break the partisan ice," Toomey's office said.

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Police Special Operations Team take security measures when prosecutor Mehmet Selim Kiraz overseeing Berkin Elvan case is being held hostage in Istanbul Caglayan Justice Palace, Turkey. / GETTY IMAGES

Istanbul hostage shootout leaves prosecutor dead

Attack. Witnesses said they heard gunshots as the hostage-takers entered the building.

An Istanbul prosecutor died from his wounds after security forces stormed the office where members of a far-left Turkish group took him hostage on Tuesday, killing his two captors.

The Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front (DHKP-C) had published a picture of the prosecutor with a gun to his head and said it would kill him unless its demands were met.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said Mehmet Selim Kiraz had been shot three times in the head and twice in the body. He died despite being rushed to hospital for emergency surgery.

Six hours after the standoff in a courthouse in central Istanbul began, explosions and gunfire could be heard coming from the building and smoke billowed from a window, a Reuters witness said.

A few minutes later, two ambulances, sirens wailing, raced away from the scene.

Police Chief Selami Altinok said authorities had established lines of communications with the hostage-takers, but had been forced to act when shots were heard from inside the room where Kiraz was being held.

Kiraz was leading an investigation into the death last March of 15-year-old Berkin Elvan, who died after nine months in a coma from a head wound sustained in anti-government protests.

The DHKP-C said on its website it wanted the police officer it blames for Elvan's death to confess on television, the officers involved to be tried in "people's courts," and charges against those who attended protests for Elvan to be dropped.

During the firefight, both captors were killed, Altinok said at a media conference shortly after the operation had finished.

"Our forces have worked with patience and endurance for six hours and took all necessary security measures," he said.

Speaking at the scene, Erdogan praised the police and said the siege had begun when two gunmen, disguised as lawyers, had entered the courthouse.

"We cannot underestimate the seriousness of this incident," he said, noting that security at courthouses would be reviewed.

In a brief video message on a widely followed Twitter account describing itself as that of Elvan's family, the boy's father had seemed to call on the group not to harm Kiraz.

"We want justice. We don't want anyone to shed even a drop of blood. We don't want other mothers to cry," Sami Elvan said.

REUTERS

Quoted

"We were on the sixth floor. A black-haired man wearing a suit entered the prosecutor's room and fired a gun three times."

Mehmet Hasan Kaplan, who works in the building

CHAPTER SEVEN

MR. BAKER PART II

I'm off to find food. Preferably, not double-fried, coated-in-chocolate or stuck-on-a-stick kind of food. I'm already old, no need to speed up the process. I know my wife thinks I'm bored, but I'm not. Just content. It's nice to see her excited. Every year she claims it's her last year selling at the festival. But every year she's back, selling those ridiculous crocheted animals. She has slowed down. She used to sell eighty or so every year, but she's down to nearly half that. She calls it "easing into retirement." I call it arthritis. I settle on a soft pretzel and start walking back toward our tent. But as soon as I notice that my wife is distracted, I change course and start walking toward a flower vendor. We have a full garden at home, but most of the daffodils were accidentally weeded, and those are her favorite.

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Five things you need to know

1 Indiana governor vows to 'fix' law

Indiana's Governor Mike Pence, responding to national outrage over the state's new Religious Freedom Restoration Act, said he will "fix" it to make it clear businesses cannot use the law to deny services to same-sex couples.

Pence, in a news conference, said the law he signed last week had been unfairly "smeared," but he called on the state's Republican-controlled General Assembly to come up with clarifications this week.

"I believe it would be appropriate to make it clear that this law does not give businesses the right to deny services to anyone," he told reporters at a testy, nationally televised news conference in the state capital, Indianapolis.

Pence faced massive pressure from businesses over the bill, which passed with an overwhelming majority in the state's legislature.

Rock band Wilco canceled a show in Indianapolis and Democratic governors from both coasts, joined by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, banned official travel to Indiana. NASCAR and the Indianapolis-based NCAA, an organization for university athletic programs, expressed concern over the law. REUTERS

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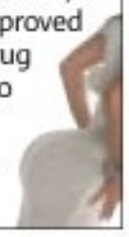
2 Woman in Texas arrested for illegal butt injections

Dallas police said they arrested a woman on accusations of providing illegal butt injections, which may have resulted in one woman's death.

Jimmy Joe Clarke was charged with practicing medicine without a license.

Her business partner Denise Ross, 43, also known as "Wee Wee," turned herself in to authorities last week for similar charges.

Investigators said Clarke and Ross charged customers up to $500 for hydrogel injections, a substance not approved by the Federal Drug Administration, to increase the size of their buttocks. REUTERS



3 RadioShack co-branding of stores with Sprint wins court approval

A plan to salvage RadioShack's business by co-branding most of its 1,740 surviving stores with cellular phone provider Sprint earned U.S. bankruptcy court approval on Tuesday, ending four days of contested court hearings.

The stores are what survived of more than 4,000 outlets after RadioShack went bankrupt in February. The chain was a go-to retailer for electronics before becoming irrelevant in the digital age. REUTERS

4 Driver slain at NSA had criminal record

A Baltimore man with a criminal record was the driver shot dead by National Security Agency guards when he and another man, dressed as women, tried to crash their stolen SUV into the spy agency's gates, according to court records on Tuesday.

The FBI's Baltimore office identified the driver as Ricky Shawatza Hall, 27. The agency is investigating Monday's incident at NSA headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland, about 20 miles northeast of Washington, and the statement gave no motive.

The FBI said the agency did not believe the incident was related to terrorism. REUTERS

5 Uber driver accused of burglary

Police arrested a 51-year-old driver for the Uber car service on Wednesday who is accused of trying to burglarize a Denver woman's home after he dropped her off at the city's airport, authorities said.

Gerald Montgomery was taken into custody in the suburb of Golden after a warrant was issued for him on suspicion of attempted burglary, Denver police spokeswoman Christine Downs said.

Police say he drove the woman to Denver International Airport last week but then allegedly returned to the home in the south of the city where he had picked her up and tried to break in through the back door. REUTERS

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Germanwings crash

Crash triggers debate on confidentiality

Calls to relax Germany's strict doctor-patient confidentiality law after a Germanwings plane crash last week have touched a nerve in a country obsessed about privacy because of its authoritarian past.

A debate on the law began after reports that Andreas Lubitz had hidden sensitive information about his health from the airline.

German prosecutors say Lubitz had been treated in the past for suicidal tendencies and also suffered bouts of depression. Police searching his apartment found he was given a doctor's sick leave note for the day the crash occurred.

Dirk Fischer, a senior member of parliament in Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives, told the Rheinische Post newspaper the confidentiality rules should be relaxed if lives could be put in jeopardy.

But medical and aviation associations rejected those calls on Tuesday, arguing the laws were a "precious commodity" that should not be tampered with. REUTERS

Quoted

"Such measures won't prevent accidents from happening in the future. Instead, it will only lead to affected patients not seeking out treatment."

German Federation of Internists

Relatives at a monument to honor the victims of the Germanwings flight in front of the mountains near the crash site. / GETTY IMAGES

Lufthansa flight school knew pilot's depression

Crash. The new findings raise questions about the screening process for Lufthansa pilots.

The German pilot who crashed a plane in the French Alps last week, killing 150 people, told officials at a Lufthansa training school in 2009 that he had gone through a period of severe depression, the airline said on Tuesday.

The statement is potentially damaging for the airline and its CEO Carsten Spohr, who told reporters last week that the carrier knew of no reason why 27-year-old Andreas Lubitz might deliberately crash a plane.

The fact that Lufthansa officials were aware that Lubitz suffered from depression raises questions about its screening process for pilots as it faces the threat of legal action from relatives of the victims.

Lufthansa said Lubitz broke off his pilot training for a period of several months but then passed medical checks confirming his fitness to fly.

When Lubitz resumed training in 2009, he provided the flight school with medical documents showing that he had gone through a "previous episode of severe depression," Lufthansa said, citing emailed correspondence between Lubitz and the flight school.

Dusseldorf state prosecutors said on Monday Lubitz had been treated for suicidal tendencies before getting his pilot's license.

Last week, they found torn-up sick notes showing that Lubitz was suffering from an illness that should have grounded him.

Germanwings said it had not received a sick note from Lubitz for the day of the crash. Lubitz had a valid medical certificate at the time of the crash of the Airbus A320 operated by its budget unit, Lufthansa added. REUTERS

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Lufthansa was already facing unlimited liability for damages in the crash, lawyers have said, and has told its insurers to set aside $300 million to deal with claims, recovery costs and the loss of the aircraft.

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Self-driving. Honda to test prototypes at former US naval base

The Acura RLX sedan is one of the prototypes Honda will be testing at the former naval base in San Francisco. /GETTY IMAGES

Honda Motor Co. has joined Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz in testing self-driving vehicles and technologies on private roads at a former U.S. naval facility outside San Francisco, the Japanese automaker said Tuesday.

Honda also is a partner in the University of Michigan's Mobility Transformation Center, which plans to open a similar testing facility called Mcity this summer in Ann Arbor.

Honda said it will test prototype versions of its Acura RLX sedan, fitted with sensors and cameras that could be used on future self-driving vehicles. The former naval base has 20 miles of paved roads and a variety of buildings, and will not be open to the public.

Honda and Mercedes are using the former Concord Naval Weapons Station to test and develop advanced driver-assistance technologies to improve safety. Before car companies introduce fully self-driving vehicles over the next five to 10 years, those driver-assistance technologies are being phased in with features such as adaptive cruise control and lane-keeping.

Honda said the 5,000-acre facility, which the U.S. Navy closed in 2007, is a "controlled environment that can be continuously modified" to test experimental vehicles and systems. Eventually, it will be used by a consortium that includes Honda as well as vehicle insurers, repairers and other auto-related enterprises.

Other companies, from supplier Delphi Automotive to Internet giant Google Inc., have been testing prototype self-driving cars on public roads.

Google has tested heavily modified versions of the Toyota Prius and the Lexus RX 450h on streets near its headquarters in Mountain View, California. The company, which has said it could have a fully autonomous car ready for production within five years, also is testing a small two-passenger driverless "pod" car on a private track in Northern California. REUTERS

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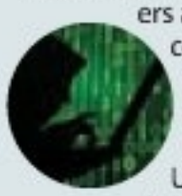
Delphi on Tuesday expected to conclude a 3,500-mile cross-country drive in a specially equipped Audi SQ5 designed to pilot itself on main highways and freeways.

Cyber safety

Security firm says new spy software in 10 countries came from Lebanon

A security company has discovered a computer spying campaign that it said "likely" originated with a government agency or political group in Lebanon, underscoring how far the capability for sophisticated computer espionage is spreading beyond the world's top powers.

Israeli-based computer security firm Check Point Software Technologies said its researchers ruled out any financial motive for the effort that targeted telecommunications and networking companies, military contractors, media organizations and other institutions in Lebanon, Israel, Turkey and seven other countries. Researchers also found



computers infected with spyware in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.

The campaign, which Check Point dubbed Volatile Cedar, dates back at least three years and deploys hand-crafted software with some of the hallmarks of state-sponsored computer espionage. Twice, after software elements were detected as malicious by anti-virus programs, the campaign paused and then began distributing newer versions that escaped scrutiny, said Check Point researcher Shahar Tal. REUTERS

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OMG! Wedding world: Pair to get married 38 times across the globe

A professional acrobat couple from Los Angeles is taking the plunge and getting married — 38 times across the world. Rhiann Woodyard, 32, and her fiance Cheetah Platt, 30, are traveling around the globe to take their vows in 12 different countries in 83 days. The newlyweds claim that the adventurous — and enviable — worldwide tour costs less than a traditional wedding in the U.S. Metro spoke to Woodyard about their globe-trotting nuptials.

Why are you getting married in as many places as possible?
Well, after Cheetah proposed, we started discussing wedding options. We found that not only was everything incredibly expensive for a one-day event, but we couldn't find anything that suited us. ... So, we started to think outside the box and eventually came up with traveling around the world. I had never traveled, so not only would it be an amazing experience for me, but once we looked into it, we found we'd actually be saving money this way! We were thrilled!

Did you say you were saving money?
Yes, this worldwide wedding has actually saved us thousands of dollars compared to a standard wedding in the United States. We've spent far less than $10,000 on this trip; our actual ceremonies are free, so we only had to pay for our flights, lodging and transportation. We used our credit card airline miles, and our friends and family have helped us tremendously. Instead of giving us the typical wedding gift of a household item, we asked that, if they were planning on giving a gift, that they use our alternative gift registry on HoneyFund.com. There they could contribute to our adventure by buying us a night at one of our accommodations in Morocco or a safari in Kenya.

So, it's just for saving money?
Instead of a costly one-day event, we wanted a memorable adventure, an experience that would not only last a lifetime but help us grow as a couple. This idea of many personal and intimate weddings that we get to share with our loved ones via videos and photos is the perfect way to express to each other that our love is endless and limitless. We have learned so much about ourselves, our relationship and so many cultures through this wedding.

How many weddings have you celebrated so far?
So far, we've had 21 weddings, but we still have about a month left. There's many more to go. All in all, we're going to have weddings in 12 countries. We didn't want to limit our ceremonies to one per country. It doesn't cost anything to hold the actual ceremony, and each country is so amazingly beautiful, diverse and has so much to offer. So we decided to have as many weddings as we found locations for.

Is there any point of you having an exotic honeymoon then?
Yes, we are planning on having one. It may be a few months after we get back as just a weekend getaway, or it may be a year or two from now as another three-month excursion around the world. We haven't planned it yet. DMITRY BELYAEV, METRO WORLD NEWS

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Question

Which was the most amazing?

It's very difficult to choose, but so far the most amazing has been getting married next to rescued elephants. The Ran-Tong rescue center in Chiang Mai, Thailand, allowed us to have a ceremony with these majestic animals, and it was so moving. It was also incredibly funny, as they definitely had their own ideas about where they wanted to stand, which was usually right in front of the camera blocking everything. It was an unforgettable day.

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3 Ways to cut your grocery bill in half

Budgeting. These tips can help you spend less at the grocery store without sacrificing how much you get to bring home.

You don't have to give up healthy produce to save money. / ISTOCK

With a little bit of forethought and some planning ahead, you can actually slash your monthly grocery bill in half. "The problem is that the average American is spending close to $900 a month at the grocery store," says coupon expert Josh Elledge of SavingsAngel. "Instead, what you should be doing is only buying the absolute best deals." We get him to spill his best tips:

Go to a cash-only system

1 Making purchases in cash typically curbs overspending. Don't believe it? A Dun & Bradstreet study found that people spend roughly 12 to 18 percent more when using a credit card versus cash. It turns out there's plenty of research to back it up. According to Psychology Today, people typically find it more "psychologically painful" to fork over cash than to swipe a credit card. The takeaway here? Make a budget, then put away the plastic so that you actually stick to it.

Take advantage of deals

2 Elledge says that you can incorporate couponing into your life without going to the extreme measures we see on reality TV. "Coupons also kind of make people a little nervous because they think it's like how our mothers couponed back in the old days," he says. "Most major grocery chains make it easier than ever with digital coupons; plus there are a ton of apps you can use."

A few months back, Elledge says his local big-chain grocery store was running a buy one, get one free deal on Cheerios. On top of that, he found a coupon online for $2 off that could be printed more than once. This literally snagged him several boxes of free cereal. Elledge started shopping this way about eight years ago and has reduced his grocery spending by 50 percent as a result.

Plan ahead

3 Knowing what you're cooking for dinner three days from now can seriously rein in overspending. Instead of grabbing whatever looks good off the shelf, only reach for the stuff you actually need. To make it easier, research budget-friendly recipes ahead of time.

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Hacks. What 'Game of Thrones' can teach you about money

"Valar morghulis" ("All men must die") isn't the show's only lesson. / HBO

With nearly 20 million total viewers for the series, whose fifth season debuts on April 12, "Game of Thrones" does not just appeal to comic-book geeks. Powerful money managers get drawn in too, like Gavin Baker, head of Fidelity's $13 billion OTC Portfolio fund. Since Baker is conquering 98 percent of his peers over the last five years, investors should be curious about the financial lessons he and others are drawing from "Game of Thrones."

Listen for weak signals. "Be open to evidence that suggests that your view of the world is wrong," advises Baker. In the seven kingdoms of Westeros, the powers-that-be tend to dismiss the dangers gathering around them, such as the mysterious and vicious White Walkers to the north and the fire-breathing dragons that are growing across the seas. In the next book, which Martin is toiling on right now, one can only assume that these adversaries will come back to haunt those in power.

Make dispassionate decisions. Mixing emotion and investing is a bad idea. So it is in Westeros. When the Stark family goes to war with the Lannisters, Robb Stark falls in love and breaks his previous engagement to the daughter of a powerful ally. "Meanwhile, his rival, Tywin Lannister, makes very few emotional decisions," says Baker.

Guess who comes out ahead? Stark falls after being stabbed in the heart. "He makes an emotional decision; that is the reason he dies," Baker says.

Leverage what you have. Near the beginning of the series, Daenerys Targaryen has "no money at all," says Michael Anderson, a financial planner with True North Advisors in Dallas. What she does have is a fast-growing trio of dragons. She also boasts a powerful family name. As a result, she "leverages those assets into huge gains," says Anderson, specifically, a fierce army that takes over several cities and threatens to take over Westeros itself. REUTERS

Tip

Too much debt is a killer

According to some experts, the Iron Bank of Braavos has all the power, not Westeros or King's Landing. "It is absolutely the power behind the throne," says Lisa Woolfork, an associate professor at the University of Virginia who teaches a course on "Game of Thrones."

"Its bankers are not sentimental and just want to back who is going to win. When you are in deep debt to the Iron Bank, it can weaken your hold on the throne. And when you can't get any more loans from them, that becomes a problem."

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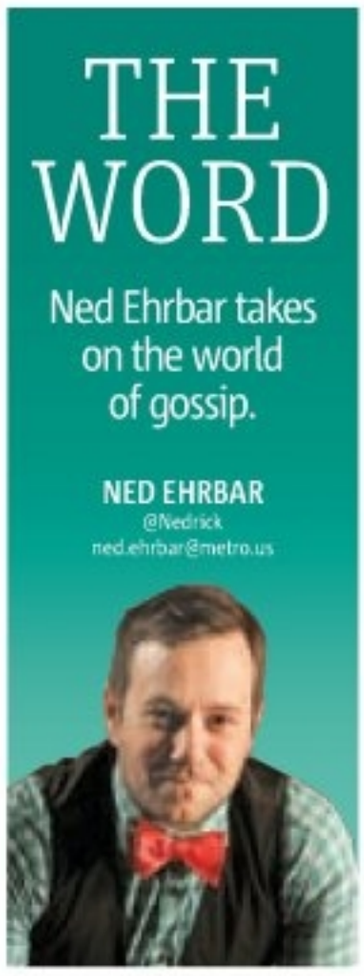
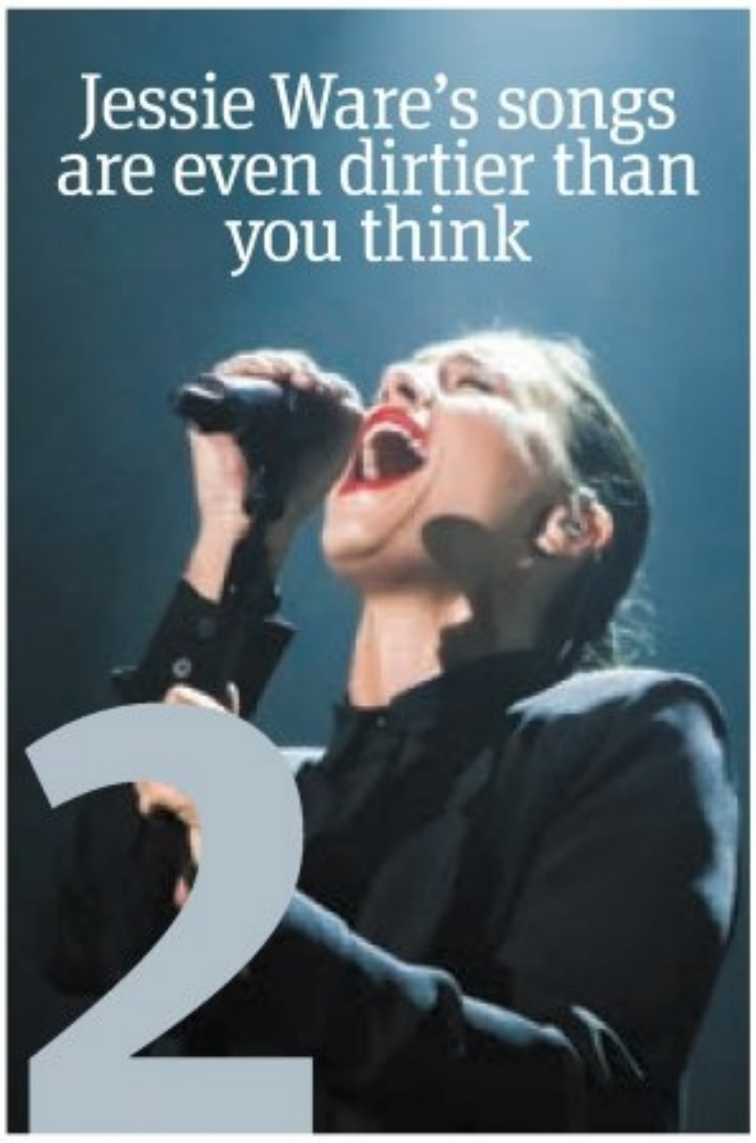
1 Ryan Phillippe's daughter on the perils of having a hot dad

Genetics have been very kind to Ryan Phillippe, who apparently doesn't age. Which is super-awkward, as it turns out, for his teenage daughter, Ava. "It's crazy. And still, I get carded constantly," he tells Variety. "My daughter hates it because sometimes people have thought I'm her brother, and she's freaked out by that." I'm sure she's also not so hot on him saying things like this to a major trade publication, but hey, if you can't mortify your 15-year-old daughter in print, what's the point of being famous? Also, it's nice to know there's now a male version of the Dina Lohan "people think we're sisters!" thing.



2 Jessie Ware's songs are even dirtier than you think



When we caught up with British soul singer Jessie Ware in London, we couldn't help but ask about the obvious sexual innuendo in her song, "Champagne Kisses." So, is she really talking about fellatio? Ware would only blush, but her laugh said it all. "I did think to change the title, but then I just thought, 'Sod it,'" she says.

With that being just one of the sexual innuendos on her album, you'd think she'd shy away from sharing her music with her mom, but Ware says her mom is more concerned with her style than her music. "She's usually like, 'Why aren't you wearing red lipstick?' She's very positive, but she wants me to be wearing my red lipstick." RICHARD PECKETT/MWN

3 Kit Harington is sick of being objectified

It's so hard for men in Hollywood, isn't it? All this attention paid just to your looks, when no one bothers to find out what's really going on inside. At least that's how it's been for "Game of Thrones" star Kit Harington, who plays hunky — see? even I'm doing it — Jon Snow on the HBO series. "I'm in a successful TV show in a kind of leading man way, and it can sometimes feel like your art is being put to one side for your sex appeal. And I don't like that," he tells Page Six. "To always be put on a pedestal as a hunk is slightly demeaning. It really is, and it's in the same way as it is for women. When an actor is seen only for her physical beauty, it can be quite offensive."

I mean, hey, he can't help that he's attractive, right? So please, if you get a chance to speak with Harington, do not point out that he's really, really, ridiculously good-looking, OK? Because he's had enough of it. "In this position you, get asked a lot, 'Do you like being a heartthrob? Do you like being a hunk?'" he adds. "Well, my answer is, 'That's not what I got into it for.'"

Jon Snow is a proud warrior, not a beefcake, thank you.

4 Tom Hanks' rapper son has bizarre Twitter meltdown

Tom Hanks' incorrigible rapper son, Chet Haze, went on something of a tirade on Twitter this week, unleashing a slew of angry and threatening messages at Howard Stern. It's not really clear what his beef is — and Stern didn't respond — but the self-professed "walking PR disaster" did offer some choice phrases like, "Do you have any idea how badly I am going to assault you when I see you?" and, "It's a shame you don't hang in the same circles as my family (not enough bread for that)." He even went and got prophetic at the end of it, writing that "tomorrow TMZ or Gawker will write an article [about] this rant and all I gotta say is keep riding my d—, bitches." So charming. I haven't seen anything on TMZ or Gawker just yet, but how about Metro, Mr. Haze? Will that do?

Tom Hanks and his walking PR disaster. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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What if I told you there was yet another chance to ogle David Beckham's nearly naked body as he pushes some designer underwear? Sure, right, but what if I also told you that to do so, you had to see slightly less chiseled new "Late Late Show" host James Corden doing the same? But some people are into that. Beckham joins Corden for this mock-commercial full of slow black-and-white camera work, pretentious musings and super-serious music for their made-up D&J Underwear line, and the results are ... transfixing.

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Mindy Kaling is freaking out, Kirstie Alley is keeping positive, Hugh Grant is grumpy about software, Steven Soderbergh is giving you some tough love and Tom Arnold is feeling ripped off.

@mindykaling: For real though what are all these tiny bites all over my legs

@kirstiealley: When others accuse U falsely & unjustly, just keep loving them..U don't have to invite them to dinner, but hating them poisons your soul :)

@HackedOffHugh: Polite notice to Adobe and its updates: F— off.

@Bitchuation: To be clear: If you're looking for fair, you're in the wrong universe.

@TomArnold: I wish the people who sold me all my wedding cakes would've had a damn conscience. Would've been good for America and saved me a fortune.

BUNNY HOP AT THE EASTER PROMENADE

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South Street's **84th Easter Promenade** gets "some extra razzle-dazzle" on April 5, says host **Henri David**. This year, the event is produced by **Philly Gay Pride** boss **Fran Price**. Come for the **Philadelphia Freedom LGBT band**, which played **President Obama**'s inauguration, and costume contests, including what David calls "South Street crazies." Plus there's the **Bunny Hop crew** — "people dressed as rabbits who drag you off sidewalks and onto the stage," he explains. "Everyone loved them last year, so for 2015, more bunnies it is."

Jason Cichonski closed his Old City gastropub, **The Gaslight**, due to a burst water pipe. Just reopened, The Gaslight has a new menu and a new chef in the kitchen: **Jordan Sauter**, who previously worked for **Modo Mio** and **Whole Foods**.

Marilee Herremans, in blue, WMMR's Marisa Magnatta, Fox 29's Jenn Frederick, in front, and Todd Herremans raised money at Hoops for Help. / HUGH E DILLON

Todd Herremans is no longer an offensive guard for the **Eagles**, but that didn't stop his **Hoops for Help fundraiser** at **Vie**. Herremans told the crowd he's getting ready for his wedding and setting up shop in Indianapolis, where he's playing for the Colts. Herremans auctioned a guitar signed by **Tim McGraw** — sold to fellow Colt **Trent Cole** — and told everyone at Vie that, when he retires, he'll return to Philly.

Philadelphia Distilling, the company behind **Bluecoat American Dry Gin**, is releasing **Bluecoat Barrel Finished Gin**, a slightly sweeter concoction. **Pennsylvania's Liquor Control Board** approved, and it will be in state stores starting this weekend.

Celebrity sightings

- Canadian pop singer **Shawn Mendes**, who's opening for Taylor Swift this summer, hit **Q102**'s studios in Bala Cynwyd last week, while **"The Voice"**'s **Melanie Martinez** did a meet-and-greet at the **Macy's Prom 2015** party in **King of Prussia**.
- New **Eagles** QB **Sam Bradford** ate at **Davio's** on Thursday.
- Historical fact: Philly was the first city in the country to create its own flag. To celebrate the 120th anniversary of Philadelphia Civic Flag Day, **Mayor Nutter** held a party with the **Taney Dragons** and the **Fresh Prince**'s real-life dad, **Will Smith Sr.**
- **Independence Mission Schools** made their first gala a sporting one with **"Dancing for Our Future Stars"** at the **Crystal Tea Room**. Attorney **Nino Tinari** beat out the competition, including DA **Seth Williams**.

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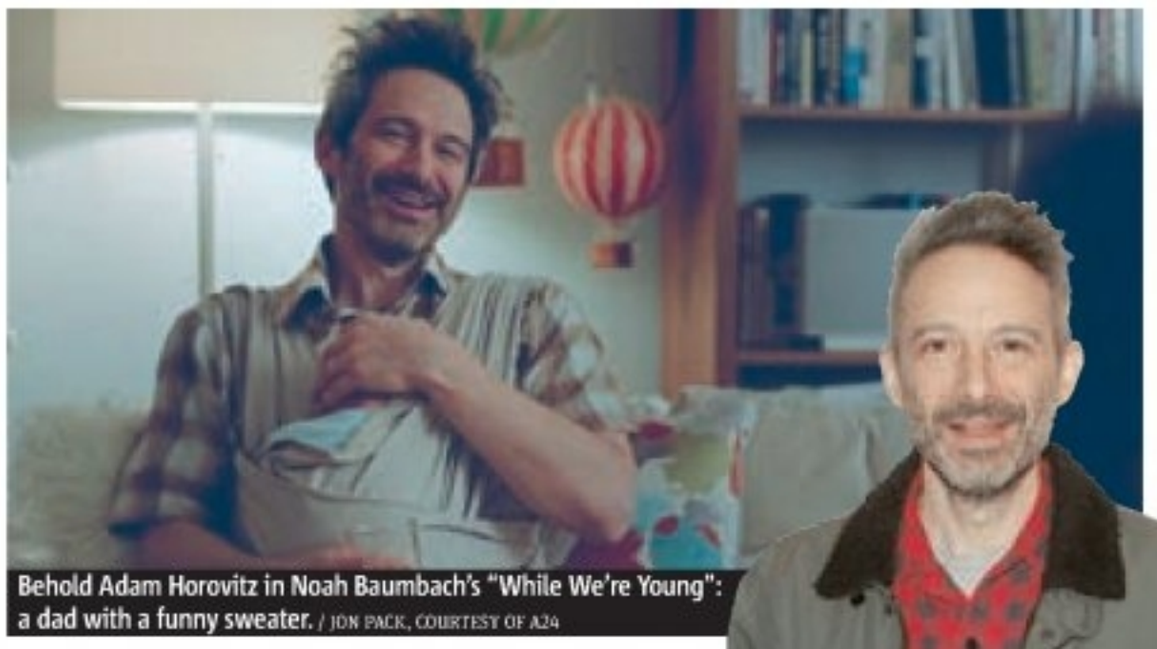

Behold Adam Horovitz in Noah Baumbach's "While We're Young": a dad with a funny sweater. / JON PACK, COURTESY OF A24

Interview. Former Beastie Boy Adam Horovitz returns to acting for "While We're Young."

Adam Horovitz, perhaps better known as Beastie Boy Ad-Rock, is not the loud bundle of sometimes confrontational energy he seems onstage and onscreen. He's soft-spoken, friendly yet guarded. That's not to say he's not as funny. He's both funny and serious in Noah Baumbach's "While We're Young," in which he plays a go-to-bed-early 40-something dad whose childless friends (Ben Stiller and Naomi Watts) start hanging with millennials (Adam Driver and Amanda Seyfried).

You're not instantly recognizable when you first appear onscreen.
People have mentioned they've been taken aback. But I feel comfortable in that role.

This touches on some dark themes about aging and wanting to feel connected to youth.
I think we're all afraid of death. Being 48 is more weird than frightening. I'm fine right now. When I'm 72, this might be a different conversation. I might be just crying constantly.

The film is also about the young and how they're seen by the previous generation.
When you're 48, and you play shows in a band, most of the people there are younger than you. I don't really think about it so much. I'm really busy. I got a lot on my plate. I have to walk the dog three times a day. I have to order Chinese food.

Days fly by.
When you're young, you have all this time to focus on one thing. I remember there was a crack in the sidewalk, and I would try to jump my skateboard over the crack. That was my whole day. And it was a fun day.

And the hangovers are worse, too.
I was at my friend's birthday party the other night, and I think I'm still drunk.

ADAM HOROVITZ
WIREIMAGE

Bonus question

Adam the actor

You actually pursued an acting career when you were younger. You were even in a film directed by "Chariots of Fire" director Hugh Hudson [1989's "Lost Angels," starring Horovitz as a juvenile delinquent in therapy with Donald Sutherland]. I read you were serious about it.
I wasn't actually really serious, in retrospect. I was really high a lot of the time. That's probably what it was. I'm just being honest. I was living in California and smoking a lot of pot and not really focusing. And I think it shows in my work.

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Jamie Fraser is back to save the day

Interview. Sam Heughan says Jamie will be as dashing as ever on "Outlander."

Claire Randall (nee Beauchamp, and now Fraser) has had a rough couple of weeks on Starz's "Outlander." Since accidentally time-traveling from post-World War II-era Scotland to the same area in the 1740s, she's been in near constant danger. Luckily, she's had the dashing Jamie Fraser to save her. At the end of the first half of the season, we saw him come to the rescue once again, but Sam Heughan, who plays Jamie, says it's not all about saving the day.

"I think especially in the first half of the season, he does come across as this dashing hero who is always there at the right time and can't do anything wrong. But obviously, it's from Claire's point of view, and when we start to dig deeper in the second half of the season, we see a lot more of where Jamie's come from and what he's had to go through to get there," explains Heughan.

That's not to say he's completely done with heroism. "He's still very dashing and does certainly save Claire a couple of times, but we start to realize he doesn't do it without some effort," says Heughan.

Jamie's relationship with Claire has seen its share of ups and downs. She doesn't always understand the social mores of the world she's traveled to. "What he's attracted to, but what is also a constant source of frustration for him, is the fact that she is headstrong and does what she thinks, and he'll tell her to do one thing, and she'll go and do something else," says Heughan.

SAM HEUGHAN
GETTY IMAGES

"Outlander" returns Saturday at 9 p.m. on Starz. / SONY PICTURES TELEVISION

But Jamie is doing the best he can, considering the circumstances. "I think Jamie's a quite modern man, quite forward-thinking for the time, but he's also a product of the time. He's been brought up a certain way," says Heughan. "But he's very well educated, and he's traveled a lot, and I think that's what gives him the ability, further down the line, to appreciate where she's from and not run a mile when she tells him the truth."

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Modern eyes

The Scene

Readers of the "Outlander" books know a troubling scene is coming up. After Claire's disobedience leads both her and Jamie into danger, he spanks her to teach her a lesson. "That was probably one of the harder scenes to pitch right, coming from a modern perspective, but ultimately he's a man of the times," says Heughan. He says he understands Jamie, even if he doesn't agree with him. "She's put everyone in grave danger. They could have all been killed," he says. "As the season progresses, he learns that isn't the way to go about things, and he learns a very big lesson, as does she, and that leads them to move forward in their relationship."

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TV watch list

COMEDY

'Modern Family'

It's Jay's birthday, which leads to a range of gifts from his family members. Claire and Mitchell offer to pay him back money he lent them a long time ago but hope he won't follow through. 9 P.M., ABC

Mitchell and Claire are celebrating their dad's birthday in style and hoping to save money on "Modern Family." / MITCHELL HAASETH, ABC

DRAMA

'Law and Order: SVU'

The show has a ripped-from-the-headlines tale, as a young woman makes a high-profile gang rape accusation about a frat at her university that proves hard to verify. 9 P.M., NBC

REALITY

'American Idol'

Get ready to say goodbye to a contestant. After the top eight contestants perform, one of them will be sent home. Who do you think it will be? 8 P.M., FOX

TALK SHOWS

'Late Show with David Letterman'

Dave is specializing in guests from different walks of life tonight: He'll have both Sen. Al Franken and Billy Eichner stopping by the show for visits. 11:35 P.M., CBS

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Yelp picks. Hunting down those elusive Philly bottle shops

As much as Ben Franklin loved his beer, he sure didn't make it easy for us Philadelphians to snag a six-pack when we need it. Have no fear, Yelp is here to help you locate bottle shops across the city.

Yelper Chris L. highlights some of the selections at Bottle Bar East. / PROVIDED

Bottle Bar East

1308 Frankford Ave., Fishtown

I'm loving the concept here! The front half of the establishment looks like a bottle store. ... I saw a few people come in to mix a six and leave. The latter half is a super cool bar with live music, tasty food and a lovely draft list. **MALLORY D.**

Franklin Beer Distributors

1837 Callowhill St., Art Museum

Great for beer delivery! I ordered two cases at 6:15 and they arrived by 7:00. There was a five dollar charge, but the overall prices are very good. It's so hard to find cases in the city, and this is the perfect solution. Didn't even have to leave my room! **KATIE B.**

Monde Market

100 S. 21st St., Rittenhouse

The best bottle shop in Center City. Great bottle selection with harder-to-find stuff regularly available. Prices are very fair by Philadelphia standards. Check their Facebook page for updates on rare bottles that come in. **ANDREW T.**

19 Degrees

1847 Christian St., Graduate Hospital

This place is adorable and for a little corner place, they sure seem to have a lot. ... Prices are also very reasonable! They also have a great six-pack selection. We love it! **CARLA F.**

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3 Shows to see

Music. Buy tickets for these perfomers now, before they sell out.

Jazz icon Herbie Hancock is coming to town for one night. / PROVIDED

Herbie Hancock and Chick Corea

1 The two jazz legends are taking the stage together for a rare joint performance, part of Philadelphia Jazz Appreciation Month. They last toured together, producing two influential live albums, in the 1970s.

April 11, 8 p.m., Academy of Music, Broad and Locust streets, 215-893-1999, www.kimmelcenter.org

Purity Ring

2 The Canadian duo Purity Ring quickly sold out their first scheduled Philly show, but don't worry — they added a second one for the same day. They're touring in support of their second album, "Another Eternity," which came out last month. Braids and Born Gold are the opening acts.

May 30, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. (sold out), Union Transfer, 1026 Spring Garden St., 215-232-2100, www.utphilly.com

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Taylor Swift

3 Tay Tay will be packing the fans into Lincoln Financial Field two nights in a row for her 1989 World Tour. This is your chance to hear "Shake It Off" and "Blank Space" live. Vance Joy and Shawn Mendes open.

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Face it, we spend most of our time sitting behind a desk at work or in front of a computer at home. So that little office nook deserves some design attention. And it needs to be functional, too. (No one has five minutes to waste looking for a renegade Post-It pad.) To help, IHeartOrganizing's Jennifer Jones partnered with HomeGoods to create her ideal office. We take notes.

Bar carts are not just for cocktails

"They are extremely versatile pieces of furniture," says Jones. "Not only are they perfect in a living area, they also work great in a bathroom for toiletries or in an office as a tech station." The expert has a crush on this acrylic HomeGoods bar cart. "It's the ideal hot spot to dock a laptop, store a printer and organize ink cartridges and reams of paper," she says.

IHeartOrganizing's Jennifer Jones created the backdrop using affordable wrapping paper. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF HOMEGOODS

Add some color

Don't stare at a soulless, gray cube wall. "Wallpaper — and even stencils — can get expensive, so an easy way to transform the room is to substitute gift wrap for wallpaper," says Jones. For this room she created for HomeGoods, the expert put up a couple of rolls of pretty pink paper with double-sided tape. "When you're ready to try something new, you can easily pull it down and try a different print," she says.

Personalize

"My biggest tip for anyone looking to make over or organize a space is to add special touches that will keep you motivated to maintain all of that hard work," says Jones. She lines drawers with decorative paper ("for a happy surprise each time you reach for a pen") and surrounds herself with personal items.

Keep office supplies in check

"I use acrylic organizers from the beauty department to store my office supplies," says Jones. And it's not just because they're way more glam than anything at Staples. "You can see everything inside, and it saves you time from rummaging around, looking for things." Another cool tip: use a vase to store rolls of paper. "When organizing, you don't always have to use pieces for their intended use — get creative," she says.

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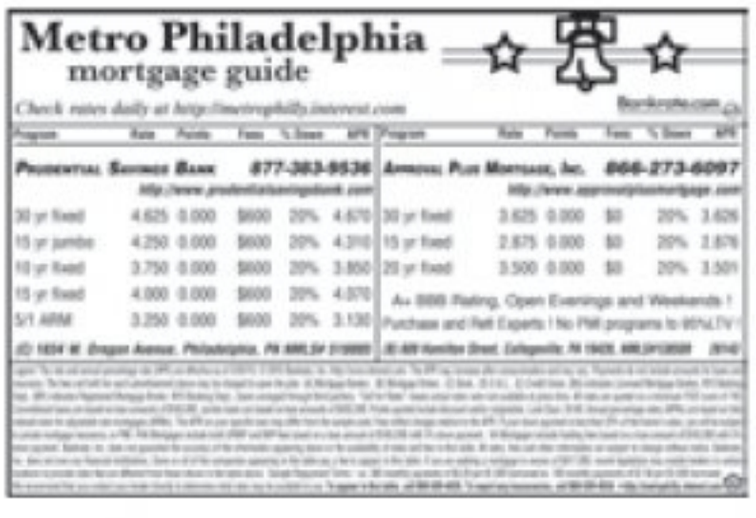

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Four tips for finding (slightly) cheaper rents in Philly

"Cheap rent" are words we don't hear enough in Center City and the surrounding neighborhoods, like Graduate Hospital and Northern Liberties. And with Philadelphia making Forbes' list of America's Most Overpriced Cities in 2015, we don't have high hopes for living costs coming down any time soon. But there are ways to save.

"You have to start by defining 'affordable,'" says Tim Schmidt, a realtor at RE/MAX Destiny in Boston, a city known for high rents. "Think about what is affordable for you. Run your numbers. The traditional gauge of rent being one third of your income still holds. Figure out what you can afford, then find the neighborhood that fits you."

With such heavy competition for apartments, renters are often intimidated by negotiating with landlords for reductions. But it's worth a try.

"It is real estate," says Schmidt. "Just the same as when you buy a house, you can always make an offer."

Schmidt gave us some tips on negotiating with landlords.

Don't give up hope — you might be able to make your rent a little more affordable. ISTOCK

1 Is it more expensive to rent in June than January?

"The time of year won't make much difference. A luxury building landlord might offer a bigger incentive, like waving parking or tech fees, because it's built into their budget. But the mom-and-pop landlords don't usually have that option."

2 Be an ideal renter

"Landlords make their decisions based on credit score, income and references. If you are an ideal candidate, you have more power to negotiate. Another plus to a landlord is how long a tenant will stay. If you have a work contract for five years, that could be seen as a plus to a landlord, and you have more room to negotiate."

Think outside the location box

"People want to live in the cool neighborhood. They hear from their friends or read about the cool places. ... But there's cool neighborhoods all over. Get to know other neighborhoods than the well-known ones."

3 How low can you go?

"You're not always negotiating the cost of the rent. Ninety-five percent of people use agents and pay a commission. An easy negotiation is to ask the landlord to pay half. Or ask for the tech or other fees to be waived. But if you are trying to reduce the rent, then you can't ask for more than a $150 per month reduction."

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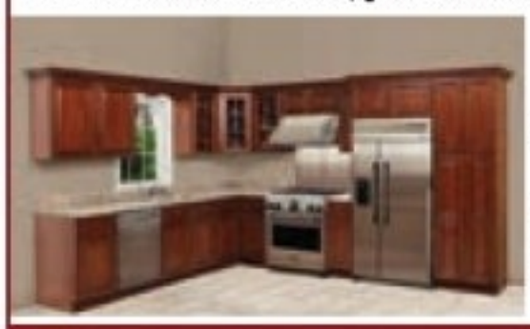

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Meet Metro's new parenting blogger, who's sharing her parenting triumphs and fails — and taking you along for the ride. Yesenia Almonte is a born and bred New Yorker who lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two sons, Hudson, 3, and Crosby, 10 months old.

Adventures in sleep training

I have a theory: Men suck at sleep training. ISTOCK

If your toddler still isn't sleeping through the night, it's usually because one parent — guess who — isn't onboard with the sleep-training crying game. Men, at least in the case of my hubby, are the worst at sleep training!

OK, I'll take my share of the blame here. I was that parent who needed to check in on our little buddy every half hour when he was an infant to make sure he was breathing. That led to nothing good, only bad sleeping habits. But now that he's older and is a fully (somewhat) reasonable toddler whom we can communicate things to, I thought now would be the time to nip this in the bud.

Our routine with Hudson is to put him in bed, read three books, say our "I love you"s and then walk out. Two hours later, he's crying. And guess who he's crying out for? Daddy! He knows this mama won't go in there — I'm not playing that game. So my 3-year-old calls the parent he knows he'll get the response from. Daddy goes right in "because he just hates to hear our little buddy cry" and brings him to the couch where they both fall asleep. So, how do we make progress when daddy sets us back every — single — night?

I totally get it. It's hard to muster up the energy late at night to get your child back into bed and hope they can fall asleep on their own. I told my husband that I read an article about how inconsistent sleep habits can lead to bad behavior, and we decided to try a new routine. We're on day three, and yes, there's crying and calling out to daddy, but my hubby is being strong. Who knew sleep training would involve a parent, too?

Two awesome books with sleep training tips to try out

"Sleeping Through The Night" by Dr. Jodi A. Mindell: Instead of focusing on what to do in the middle of the night, Dr. Mindell's tips stick to what to do at bedtime — that way there *is* no middle of the night.

"Healthy Sleep Habits, Healthy Child" by Dr. Marc Weissbluth: This father of four gives tips on stopping your kid's crying, bed-wetting and nightmares.

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
In your rush to do too much, minor mishaps are likely. Proceed cautiously when using equipment. Problems with authority figures will surface.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Make the most of your outgoing, friendly nature. Get involved in anything that will let you use your people skills to get ahead.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Patience will be the key to getting ahead. Minor delays may keep you off-schedule, but you will accomplish all you set out to do.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Unanticipated changes will cause you to hastily make crucial decisions. Don't expect your colleagues to agree with your choices.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Be vigilant when it comes to your assets. A donation will wreak havoc on your budget. Scrutinize any organization that you are planning to invest in.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Emotional turmoil will slow you down. Do your best to maintain your composure, and take a more relaxed attitude.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
You have a lot to do today, making it vital that you double-check everything. Acting in haste will result in costly errors.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't second-guess your plans. Once you have made up your mind, take action. You could miss a valuable opportunity if you don't move quickly.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't be overwhelmed by the number of issues facing you today. A methodical approach will help you get through your tasks.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Put your strategy in place and get ready to advance. Set up meetings, travel or upgrade your qualifications.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You have been coasting for too long. It's time to make big changes. A new vocation or relocation will be exactly what is needed to keep you moving in an upward direction.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Don't open up too quickly if someone is pressing you for personal information, or your words may be used against you. EUGENIA LAST

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

Republicans in Congress are seeking a long-term solution to deal with Iran, not just any old deal

Re: 'Fight against nuclear future' (Metro, March 31) Letter writer Mary Popeo has things backwards. The 46 members of Congress who "seek to foil nuclear negotiations between the U.S. and Iran" seek the best policy to prevent the murderous Tehran regime from developing nuclear weapons.

The sanctions are not a "strategy that has failed in the past." Rather, they are damaging the Iranian economy and are the only reason the Iranians are negotiating.

Congress is extremely concerned that the Obama administration, which does whatever it wants, will negotiate a bad deal, which only delays and doesn't prevent Iran's nuclear weapons capability.

The sanctions should be continued until the Iranian regime collapses or offers a deal that truly guarantees the elimination of their nuclear threat.

JIM FLETCHER, VIA EMAIL

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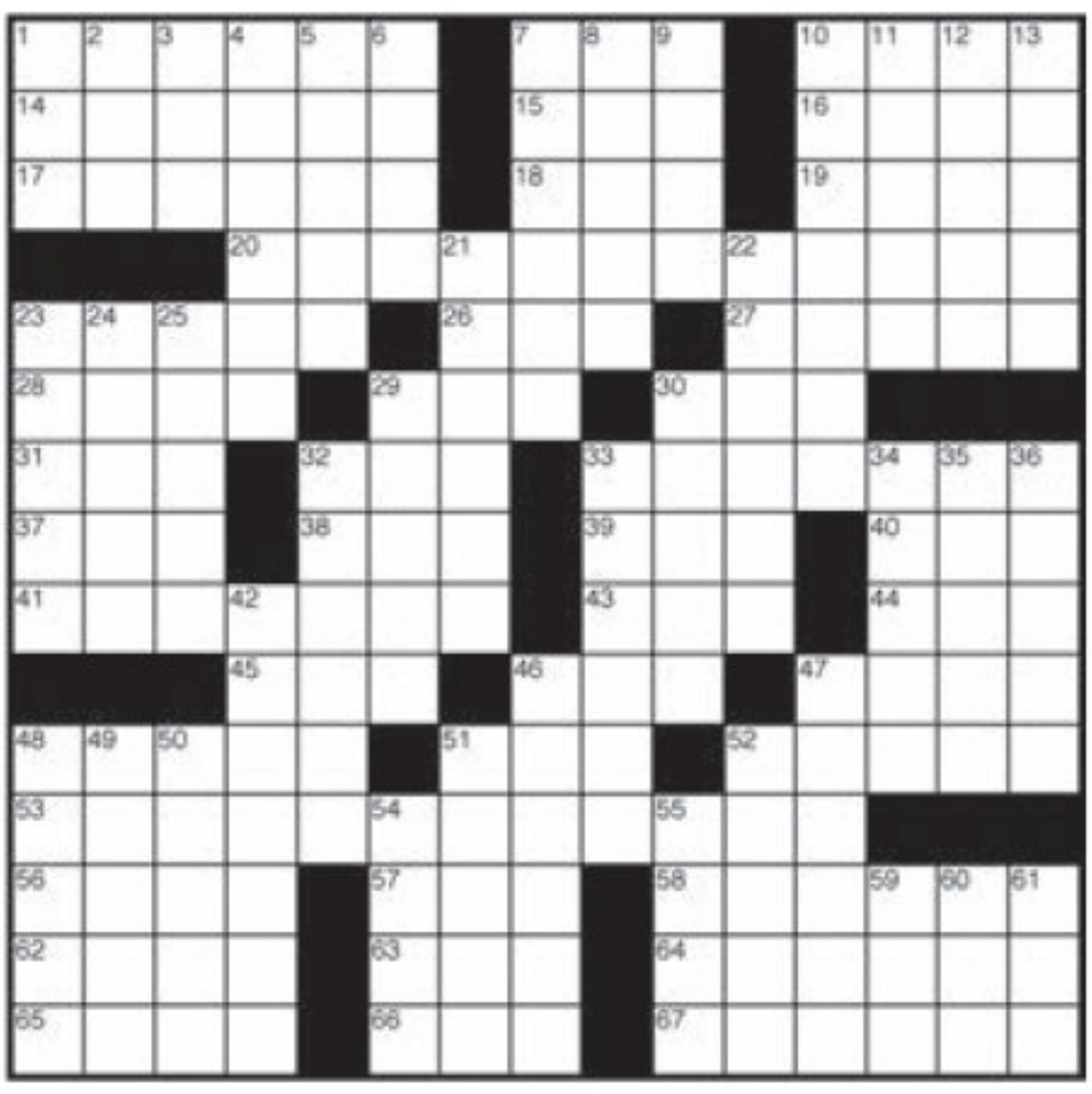

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SPORTS

Spring training news

Brown starting season on DL

Phillies GM Ruben Amaro made it official Tuesday: Domonic Brown will start the season on the disabled list as he recovers from Achilles tendinitis. Candidates to replace Brown in right field are Jordan Danks, Brian Bogusevic, Jeff Francoeur and Russ Canzler.

Noel: NBA's top rookie?

NBA. Nerlens Noel is making a late-season push to be the second straight Rookie of the Year from Philadelphia.

Noel leads all rookies with 17 double-doubles. / GETTY IMAGES

For long stretches this season, the progress seemed to be steady and slow.

Now it's picking up in a big way.

Not only has Nerlens Noel continued to develop at a rapid pace, he's worked his way into the discussion for Rookie of the Year.

Noel's breakout game came last Friday in a 119-98 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers. He scored a career-best 30 points and swept 14 rebounds while guarding DeAndre Jordan for much of the game.

The last rookie to register those numbers was Blake Griffin against the Washington Wizards on March 23, 2011. Before Griffin, the last rookie to come up with at least 30 points and 14 rebounds? Try LeBron James in '03.

"I think it's a great learning experience," Noel said. "To play against a great veteran team like that, which communicates on every defensive possession, is a really good experience for us. It's a great matchup for me to play against Blake and DeAndre, who are two All-Stars in this league, and to be able to test myself."

Sixers coach Brett Brown believes that Noel will continue to be tested, and he believes the best is yet to come.

"I want to continue to grow him," Brown said. "I haven't really isolated him on the wing this year, and I certainly haven't isolated him like you would a point guard at the top of the key. I think, to continue to motivate him to continue to guard and take our team that was down and do things like we did, I will continue to do that."

Jordan had 17 points and 20 rebounds, but Noel was able to attack effectively on the offensive end.

In order to take the next step, Noel understands he must be able to find consistency, not an easy task for a rookie — even for one making tremendous progress.

"Every time I play against guys like [that], I want to continue to get better and better," Noel said. "I try to play my best to help my team win any way possible. It's really all to my teammates. Ish [Smith] is doing a great job facilitating this offense and getting me the ball whenever I'm open, and that's all you can ask from a point guard. We're continuing to progress."

By the numbers

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Noel leads all rookies in three categories: rebounds per game (8.1), blocks per game (1.9) and steals per game (1.8).

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NBA Power Rankings | by James Toscano

No. 1

Warriors (60-13)

Nine straight wins and 14 of their last 15, the last six of which have been by at least 13 points. Yeah, this team is rolling into the playoffs right now — and should go the distance.

No. 2

Hawks (56-18)

The Hawks have turned things around, winning three of their last four. But Dennis Schroder injured his toe Monday, a big loss.

No. 3

Rockets (50-24)

The Rockets are 3-0 in games Dwight Howard has played in since his return. He's averaging 11 points and seven boards in 18.3 minutes per game.

No. 4

Cavaliers (48-27)

The Cavs will most likely end up with the second seed in the East. But who will they play? The Heat. And they also play each other Thursday.

No. 5

Clippers (49-25)

Aside from the Warriors, no team is playing better basketball than the Clippers right now. They've won seven in a row.

No. 6

Blazers (48-25)

The Blazers are smack dab in the middle of a lethal Western Conference playoff race and have won four straight after dropping five straight.

No. 7

Grizzlies (51-24)

Yikes. The Grizzlies struck out last week, falling to the Cavaliers, Warriors and Spurs — all by double digits. That's an obviously terrible sign.

No. 8

Spurs (47-26)

File under: least shocking news. The Spurs are rounding into form just in time for the playoffs, winning six of their last seven.

No. 9

Thunder (42-32)

Russell Westbrook steals most of the headlines in OKC — and rightfully so — but how about the job Enes Kanter has done since coming over?

No. 10

Mavericks (45-29)

The Mavericks aren't going to make much noise in the playoffs this season, but they're going to go out without a sound if Monta Ellis isn't healthy.

No. 11

Bulls (45-29)

Rookie Nikola Mirotic has been huge for the Bulls. He averaged a whopping 20.8 points and 7.6 boards per game in March.

No. 12

Raptors (44-30)

A nice win on Monday night against the Rockets as DeMar DeRozan went off for a career-high 42 points. He's one of the best scorers in the NBA.

No. 13

Wizards (41-33)

Two games coming up against the Sixers and Knicks should allow the Wizards to work on a few things. They look locked into 5th in the East.

No. 14

Pelicans (39-34)

It was a fun little run for the Pelicans, but that four-game losing streak from Mar. 19-25 may prove to be too much to overcome.

No. 15

Heat (34-39)

After a total choke job against the Bucks last week, the Heat held off the Celtics and Pistons but lost to the Hawks. It would be a big shock if they missed the playoffs.

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Sports news you need to know

Phillies falter as spring winds down

Grady Sizemore made a big statement in the Phillies' 10-6 loss to the Blue Jays Tuesday, collecting three hits and making a case to be the starting right fielder (in place of injured Domonic Brown) when camp ends.

Ryan Howard also contributed offensively, reaching base three times in five plate appearances with two walks and a hit.

Odubel Herrera, likely the starting center fielder, had two RBIs and his first homer of the spring.

Every Phillies pitcher who appeared, from starter Sean O'Sullivan (four runs) to flame-thrower Ken Giles, relinquished a run to the Jays in the ugly setback. Giles left the game with a back injury after recording one out. **EVAN MACY**

VORACEK IS IN THE MIDST OF THE NHL SCORING RACE.
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Flyers to face rival Penguins

Technically speaking, the Flyers' 8 p.m. game in Pittsburgh against their hated in-state rivals means very little (on NBCSN). Philly is out of the playoff race, and aside from Jakub Voracek's attempt to win the NHL's scoring crown, there isn't much for the Flyers to achieve.

But, that's only technically. If you look past the standings, you'll see a team looking to take out its frustration on its favorite targets, a team that combined with Philly for 93 penalty minutes in a Jan. 20 Flyers' 3-1 OT win. **EVAN MACY**

76ers head to Washington

As the Sixers' wind down their 2014-15 season, they are left with seven games in April, the first of these in Washington against the playoff-bound Wizards (at 7 p.m. on CSN).

With new standout point guard Ish Smith turning it up on defense (limiting opposing teams to 41 percent shooting since Smith started, 44.8 percent prior), they will have their hands full with red-hot Wizards guard John Wall.

Wall is averaging 30.3 points, eight assists and seven rebounds three games into a five-game stand at home. **EVAN MACY**

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NFL. Austin chose Eagles due to proximity, guys already on roster

Can Miles Austin, the former Cowboys and Browns wide receiver the Eagles officially signed to a one-year deal Tuesday worth a reported $2.3 million, make up for the departed Jeremy Maclin in 2015?

Probably not. In fact, Austin, 30, will more likely be the fourth wideout on the Birds roster. But his veteran experience and one-time game-changing ability will certainly help the team.

"My role right now is just to go in and prepare as hard as I can and see where that takes me," Austin said in a conference call with Eagles writers Tuesday. "I am trying to get better every day, and that's what the role is."

Could Austin find himself playing special teams? Or in the slot? He's open to all options and admits that while he may have lost his explosiveness, he has gained a mental edge as a professional pass-catcher.

"Special teams — I was on the hands team, but the last time I did it was in Dallas two years ago," He recalled. "They had me in for pooch punt situations. I am not against doing anything. Doesn't matter where they want me to go, I am down to do it."

Austin's name is known to Eagles fans from his days with the Cowboys. He spent the first eight seasons of his career in Dallas and ranks

Austin has 348 catches for 5,049 yards and 36 touchdowns. / GETTY IMAGES

eighth in Cowboys franchise history in receiving yards (4,481) and 10th in both receptions (301) and touchdown catches (34).

He had back-to-back Pro Bowl seasons in 2009 and 2010 and most recently caught 47 passes in 12 games in Cleveland (he missed the other four due to injury).

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"It's up to them, wherever they find the best fit for me."

Miles Austin

Ironically, Sam Bradford, the new Eagles quarterback, helped recruit DeMarco Murray (his college roommate at Oklahoma). Did Murray, in turn, recruit his old Dallas teammate Austin to come to Philly also?

"Me and DeMarco are really close," Austin said. "I was obviously in communication with him as a friend when he was figuring out what he was doing. Me and him were talking back and forth when he signed with Philly, and he was telling me how he experienced coming in and speaking to the coaches, the whole process I went through today, and it reaffirmed all the positive thoughts I already had coming in."

Another factor, perhaps, is Philadelphia's proximity to Austin's friends and family. Austin grew up in North Jersey and attended Monmouth.

"I came here, one, because of the opportunity to win," Austin said. "The proximity to my home town, where I grew up and went to college at and the guys on the team — they are great guys and like-minded." EVAN MACY

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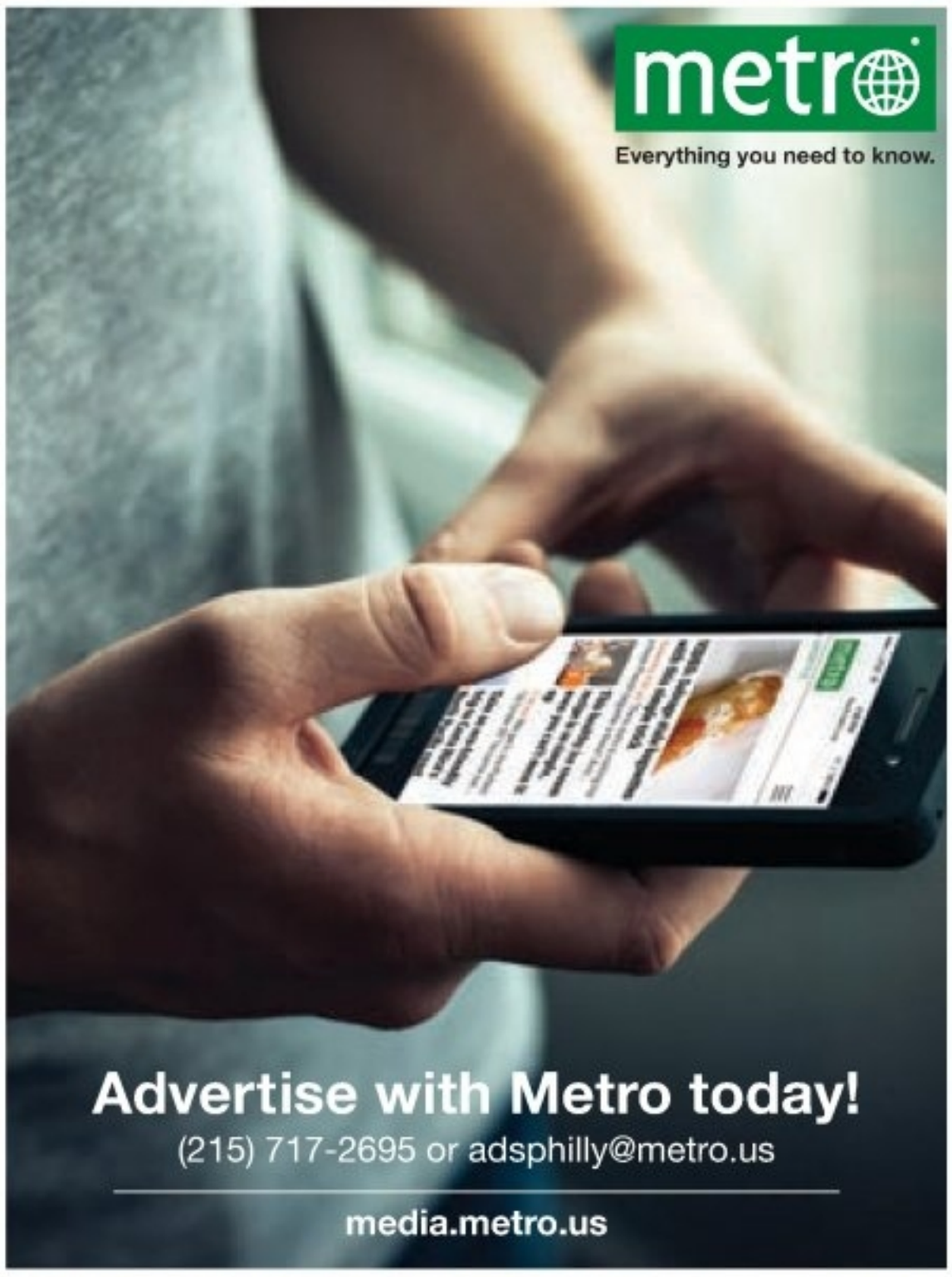

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